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SGA selects staff, appropriates $30

by John R. Riddle

The SGA Senate elected two officers and approved the executive appointments of three others in its weekly meeting last Friday.

Kevin Longino was elected 10-9-2 over James Hytt as president pro tempore of the Senate. He will serve in Vice President David Harmon's absence and chair the rules committee.

CAROLYN CLUCK was unanimously elected secretary on President Pat Patterson's recommendation.

The Senate approved Harmon's appointment of Steve Lester as parliamentarian.

Shirley Maraman was approved as PIO director and Mark Stephens was approved as director of community and public affairs. Both were appointed by Patterson.

BILL 78-2, appropriating not more than $30 for Patterson's trip to the Council of SGA President's meeting today, was passed unanimously.

Randy Hamaker, senator-at-large, submitted five resolutions which were placed in committees.

Resolution 78-2 would set up an interorganizational council to write rules for using the common hour.

Resolution 78-3 calls for the SGA's investigating the possibility of having "dead days" after classes end and before finals begin.

RESOLUTION 78-4 calls for one Campus-Wide Discussion per semester instead of one a month, because of poor attendance and difficulty in getting speakers.

Resolution 78-5 states: "Whereas the food in the Snack Shack has been of consistently poor quality for years and whereas nothing has been done to alleviate this problem, be it resolved that the SGA investigate the possbility of improving the quality of the food in the shack by whatever means necessary."

Resolution 78-6 calls for an SGA investigation of appeal procedure plans and a subsequent recommendation to Gary Brashier, vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Resolution 77-36 setting up a meeting with the Psychology Department was tabled.

PATTERSON WELCOMED new senators and said, "In the past the Senate has been plagued by resignations and petty grievances. We hope we can make a name for ourselves and the University. The paper is on our side for a change. It's nice to see some new people in here. We'll have a chance this year."

When asked for a statement to the student body, Patterson said, "These people elected these senators. If they have a grievance, they should come to their senators and discuss it, not just harbor ill will."

Bossier City Mayor Marvin Anding discusses his city's financial problems as Shreveport Mayor Calhoun Allen, who also spoke, listens. (Photo: Denise Allen)

Calhoun Allen and Marvin Anding discuss cities' financial problems

by Sam Moore

Finance and its relationship to government was the topic of discussion as Mayor Calhoun Allen of Shreveport and Mayor Marvin Anding of Bossier City spoke to LSUS students Sept. 22 in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

Allen cited accomplishments in Shreveport during the past six years, despite Shreveport's being an ultra-conservattive area.

ONE OF THE problems is that Shreveport residents are used to paying as little taxes as possible. "I'd get by with as little as I could, too," Allen stated.

Another problem Allen discussed was the news media, especially in regard to Shreverportitis. "Shreveportitis is a state of mind created by a total misrepresentation of the news media," the mayor stated. "But Shreveport stands high."

Inflation has been yet another problem. The costs of running the government are steadily increasing; but according to Allen, Shreveport still renders good service, comparitively greater than those cities with more taxes and revenues available.

SHREVEPORT IS at a crossroads, according to Allen, with the possible move to a strong mayor-council form of government. Allen feels that once the change is made, Shreveport should not stop, but rather "continue on in a progressive way." Much money will be needed to keep Shreveport with a proper growth rate.

The mayor cited a few examples of such growth. One such area is recreation area. Shreveport has tripled its recreation area within the city, according to Allen. "Land within the area is extremely scarce," he stated. "Recreation is very important for industrial development."

Another move ahead is the location of the General Motors Plant in Shreveport, which will provide 15,000 more jobs in the area. Shreveport was studied inside-out by GM, according to Allen, and was chosen because of LSUS and the med school, and the stability in local government.

ANDING STATED that the problems of Bossier City were of a different magnitude; they are still, however, greatly concerned with finances. "We are an individual city," Anding said, "but what comes to Shreveport benefits Bossier City."

Bossier's main revenue sources are Barksdale Air Force Base and Louisiana Downs. However, Anding said that "we don't have the large industry against which we can forecast revenues."

The majority of Anding's presentation was spent discussing the strong mayor-council form of government. He sees the educational process as the biggest problem facing them right now. But he stated, "It is a much better form than the commissioner form." In the commissioner form "you can get too many involved, and nothing is accomplished."

Law society opens debate on ratification of canal treaty

Dr. Marvin Stottlemire, assistant professor of political science, and Dr. Milton Finley, assistant professor of history, will debate Wednesday at noon on the ratification of the Panama Canal treaty.

The debate will be held in Bronson Hall, Room 108. It is sponsored by the Government and Law Society (GLS). Dr. Finley will explain why we do not need to ratify the treaty, and Dr. Stottlemire will emphasize the vital importance of the ratification of the treaty.

"Both are quite informed about the topic," according to Ken Jones, president of the GSL. Dr. Stottlemire recently attended a conference on national defense. Dr. Finley is an ardent admirer and noted authority in the field of military science.

The GLS is an organization for students involved in political science and social sciences. Its purpose is to help them learn more about graduate schools, graduate testing dates, and law school tests. They meet every second week.

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'Battle begins at noon'

"Battle of the Organizations" sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB) begins today at 12:05 p.m., in the mall between Bronson Hall and the Science Building.

The battle, consisting of seven events and a trophy presentation, begins with a pie-eating contest. The golf chip, frisbee throw, and football throw will each be held at 12:20. 1 p.m. has been set as the time for the tricycle race. The two-legged race and the relay race will be held at 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. respectively. A tug-of-war, limited to 1,000 pounds per team, is the last event, to be held at 2 p.m. The trophy presentation to the winning team follows.

Organizations sponsoring teams are: Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Psychology Club, Almagest, Student Activities Board, Kappa Alpha, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Sigma Phi.

Each event will be explained and demonstrated before it occurs.

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Here we go again

The recent Senate elections proved once again that LSUS students can set records in uninvolvement. When a campus with a student body of 3,000 can not provide more than 200 votes for Student Government Association (SGA) officers, there is a serious problem.

Every candidate won, there was no competition, there was no race. Many who did not even run got elected. They were lucky enough (or unlucky as the case may be) to have some friend who wrote-in their name. So, many were elected with a total of one vote.

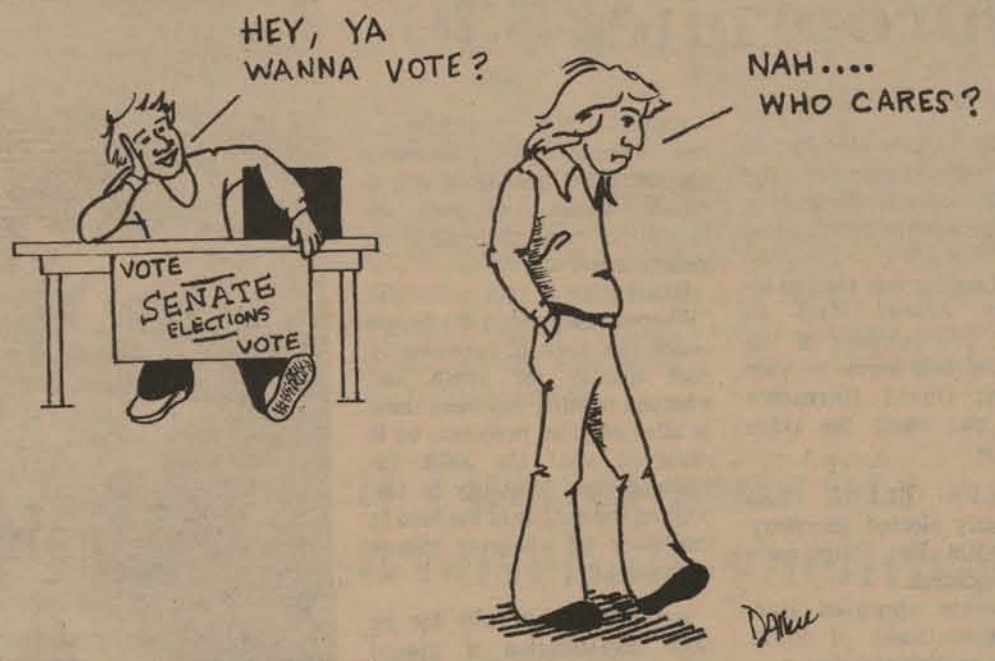
It's the same old song and dance. Apathy—no one cares, no one wants to read editorials like this. The usual excuses are commented on; the commuter school, the ineffective organization, and the group cliques. To these we must say, "bull."

Surely some commuter schools have students who are interested in the student governments and activities. It does take a little extra time to become involved but the time and experiences gained may prove worthwhile after one graduates.

Any organization that has no member participation would have to be ineffective. Twenty people do not attract very much attention much less influence the administration of a university. Take 20 leaders backed by 2,500 supporters and you would have a voice that could not be ignored. Effectiveness can only come through strength and influence.

Almost every group of people contains cliques. This does not mean they could not be broken up. Any person truly interested in the betterment of LSUS could not disregard a good suggestion from a new member. Each individual must take the initiative either to become involved himself or to get someone else involved too.

No one wants to listen to the same story over and over but the situation on this campus shows no significant improvement. The potential of the SGA is great, the basic fundamentals of the group are sound but the manpower is lacking. Can one allow this to be wasted?



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The Almagest reserves the right to edit all letters. Once submitted, letters become the permanent property of the Almagest.

Handicapped

To the editor:

I take this time to discuss a subject that I believe is important to our school and to our students. I have one pressing thing on my mind, and it deals with our handicapped students.

A student with whom I have had classes came to me and asked if something could be done about the elevators. This does not mean the physical operation of the elevators but pertains to the students using the elevators. I appeal to the students to use the stairs when you can.

Our wheelchair students need to use the elevator and have to use them to get to their classes. If you are going up or down and you see a wheelchair student needing to get on, get off. You have the ability to walk. Our handicapped students would love to be able to walk up or down the stairs. Give a little consideration to these people.

For you to walk one or two or even three flights of stairs will not cause you great discomfort.

Just give a little thought and have some consideration for the students who cannot use the stairs.

Secondly, I want to thank the new senators for their interest in our school. We have a full senate this year and we are all hopeful for a very prosperous year.

In the past the senate has been plagued with resignations and petty differences. This year we will not have this. This is a broad statement, but one that can and will be attained.

We look to the students for support; we are the spokesmen for the students. So if you have something you think we could help you with, do not hestitate to come by and speak to us about it.

Again, I thank the students for their support and hope everyone has a good semester. If I could help anyone, come by and see me.

Pat Patterson
SGA President

Cancel trip

To the Editor:

The deadline is nearing for registration for the ski trip to Breckenridge, Colo., and as it now appears it will be cancelled due to lack of interest by the student body. We have worked hard trying to obtain the best possible deal for the students at LSUS and feel that we have amply publicized the trip at the very best price around this season.

The Student Activities Board's prime responsibility is to the students and we are willing to try anything which we think the students would care to get involved with. However, the way things look we probably will have to cancel this trip and do not plan to work up any more in the near future.

Those who have already put down their $100 deposit can come by Bronson Hall, Room 142 anytime after September 30 for a refund. We would like to extend our sincere apologies to those who have made plans for the trip.

Dennis Frank
SAB President

Philosophical Reflections

Getting an education

Dr. D. G. Sanderson

Editors Note: This is one in the series of columns written by Dr. D. G. Sanderson, assistant professor of Philosophy. It is an effort to promote increased awareness, thoughtfulness and discussion in the Socratic tradition. Comments as well as dialogue on the part of students and faculty are encouraged.

Getting an Education—Education is the process by which a collection of facts is conveyed. The student is an empty receptacle to be filled up with information. Getting an education means absorbing, memorizing and repeating facts.

Becoming Educated—Education is the process of presenting the opportunity for the expression and development of individual abilities. The student is viewed as actively involved in anaysis, criticism and evaluation. Becoming educated means creatively synthesizing one's life.

It would appear that there are many more students getting an education than becoming educated.

Debaters finish 4th

Mark Stinson and Joey Tabarlet won fourth place in a debate tournament held last weekend at North Texas State University, according to Frank Lower, LSUS debate coach.

Competing with a total of 20 teams from Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana, Stinson and Tabarlet finished with a 3-1 record, losing their only debate in the last round.

They defeated the team from the University of Texas at Arlington in the first round, Oklahoma Christian College in the second round, and Cameron University (in Oklahoma) in the third round. Odessa College, the team's only loss, went on to win the tournament.

"One of the points indicated on the certificate," according to Lower, "is that the level of success that is achieved reflects the quality of the individuals, forensic program and the university."

Lower continued, "I am proud of them and pleased that they would do this well in their first tournament."

Debaters Joey Tabarlet (left) and Mark Stinson display trophy and awards certificates which they won at a novice debate tournament in Texas. (Photo: Denise Allen)

UNO psych professor speaks at club dinner

by Caiaphas Willis

Dr. S. Thomas Elder, distinguished professor of psychology at the University of New Orleans (UNO), will speak at the special dinner of the Psychology Club on Oct. 10 at the Kon Tiki Restaurant on Youree Drive. The dinner will last from 5-7 p.m. The topic discussed is "Can the Visceria Learn."

Dr. Elder is past president of the La. Psychological Association. Dr. Elder has published over 75 articles and journals. This distinguished professor has also made visits to Tokyo, Rome, Hagus and Belgium, for special speaking engagements. Dr. Elder is also a co-inventor of a Bio-Feedback Apparatus.

A special invitation to attend has been given to local psychologist and psychiatrist in private practice, and those from the LSU School of Medicine and Veteran's Hospital.

Dr. George Kemp, professor and chairman of the psychology department said, "We feel that the Psychology Club's ability to bring into contact outstanding scientists and theoreticians such as Dr. Elder adds an important dimension to the undergraduate preparation of Psychology majors at LSUS."

Dr. Carlson presents paper on predicting pollution

Dr. Rodney L. Carlson, assistant professor of business administration at LSUS will present a paper at the national meeting of the American Institute for Decision Sciences Oct. 19-21 in Chicago, Ill.

Entitled "Developing a Conditional Markov Process to Predict Levels of Air Pollution," the paper offers a method of predicting when levels of air pollution will become hazardous to peoples' health.

"The model I am offering is general enough to be applied to any area of the pollution problem, but it directs itself mostly to peoples' well-being," Dr. Carlson said.

Dr. Carlson's paper uses two statistical methods—regression and the Markov process.

A native of Lanse, Pa., Dr. Carlson earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering at Penn State University in 1962, his master's degree at Auburn University in 1966, and took his Ph.D. degree from LSUS-Baton Rouge in 1976.

Don Alexander will conduct 4-week airbrush workshop

A workshop for persons interested in the application of the airbrush will begin Oct. 6 at LSUS, a spokesman said.

John Powell, director of conferences and institutes, said the four-week course should be of particular interest to artists, illustrators, students, designers, photographers and cake designers.

Don Alexander, associate professor of fine arts and course instructor , said sessions are planned to cover basic techniques and their application to individual areas of interest.

Classes will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, and will also cover such topics as special effects, rendering projects, and photo retouching.

More information about the workshop is available from Powell at LSUS, telephone 865-7121, Ext. 262.

Leadership skills seminar offered

A seminar designed to improve leadership skills for community leaders in Northwest Louisiana will be offered at LSUS Oct. 17-Nov. 17, a university spokesman said.

The five-week program will meet twice a week from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Bronson Hall, John Powell, director of conferences and institutes, said. "This program is designed to enhance the human relations, administrative, and communicative skills of its participants," he said.

Powell said the seminar will consist of 25 hours of lectures and discussion, and will cover such topics as "Social Expectations and Human Relations," "Performance Appraisal and Feedback," "Recognizing and Dealing with Mental Health Problems," and "Personal Satisfaction in Life, Work and Retirement."

Certificates will be awarded for successful completion of the program, and no tests will be given, Powell said.

Course instructors will be Dr. Vincent Marsala, dean of the College of General Studies, and —from the LSUS Department of Psychology—Dr. George A. Kemp, professor and department chairman; Dr. Richard M. Flicker, project codirector and assistant professor; Associate Professors Dr. Robert L. Benefield and Dr. Donita Gothard; and Assistant Professors Dr. Joseph Carlisle and Dr. Mark P. Vigen.

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Future lawyers must win two pre-law 'paper chases'

by John R. Riddle

Lawyers. They are the nation's elite. They become judges, governors, representatives, senators, cabinet members and even presidents. They fill our courts and make our law. In effect, they run the nation.

Like doctors, they must obtain a license to practice their profession. For lawyers, such a license is granted only to those who pass their state's bar exam.

THE LAWYER-TO-BE if he is diligent enough and if the state allows, may study for and pass the bar exam on his own. But for most future lawyers, preparation for the bar exam includes three or four years of college and three years at one of the 163 accredited law schools in the nation.

The education of the formally prepared lawyer has two distinct phases with two different objectives—two different "paper chases."

In the college phase the object is to make the best grades possible just to get into law school, while in law school the object is to learn enough to pass the bar exam and get a worthwhile job.

The scramble to get into law school is a tough one. The odds of getting accepted into law school averages about 3½ to 1. Of about 135,000 who sought admission in 1975, the latest year for which figures are available, only 39,038 were admitted.

LAW SCHOOLS USE two main criteria for selecting candidates—cumulative grade point average (GPA) and Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) scores. Applicants rarely talk to admissions personnel. Most law schools discourage or prohibit selection interviews. In the end, getting into law school is basically a numbers game.

The pre-law student, regardless of his major, is in a fight from the first class day of his first semester until he has finished six or seven full semesters, when his undergraduate transcripts are submitted for Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) analysis. This analysis is sent to the various law schools to which he applies.

Both the LSAT and the LSDAS are conducted by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), a non-profit corporation, for the Law School Admission Council, a nonprofit corporation with one representative from each accredited law school.

WHILE THE HARD-WORKING and/or intelligent student can obtain a high GPA, he still needs an acceptable LSAT score.

The LSAT is designed to measure ability to reason logically and to predict accurately success in law school. The LSAT, like intelligence tests, is not a test for which a person can study. The ETS does, however, issue a booklet of sample test questions to those who register for the test.

The LSAT lasts about four hours and is given five Saturdays annually at hundreds of testing centers throughtout the United States and in 26 foreign countries. In Shreveport, the test is given at Centenary College.

SINCE MOST LAW schools rely as heavily on an applicant's LSAT score as his GPA, how well a student performs in those four hours is an important as all his undergraduate test scores combined.

The letters "LSAT" strike fear in the heart of almost everyone planning to take the test. The pressure is enormous—a student's future rides in part on his answers to about 250 multiple choice questions. The test contains sections from five possible categories: logical reasoning, practical judgment, data interpretation, cases and principles and quantitative comparison. Each section is separately timed. Alloted time barely allows most students to complete each section.

Raw scores are converted to scaled scores ranging from 200 to 800 according to percentages of test takers who scored above or below each scaled score in the past. The median score, with half of the applicants scoring below it and half scoring above, is about 523. A score of 600 or above is usually considered good. Of course, each law school does have different admission standards.

IN 1975 TULANE University law school in New Orleans, for example, accepted only 22 per cent of 1300 applicants with their average LSAT being 610 and average GPA 3.0. The University of Texas School of Law accepted only 16 per cent of 3000 applicants with their average LSAT being 640 and average GPA being 3.5. LSU, however, has relatively low admissions standards, accepting about seven of every ten applicants in 1975.

The next LSAT will be given Oct. 8 when more would-be lawyers try to win yet another numbers game.

How to cope with cops

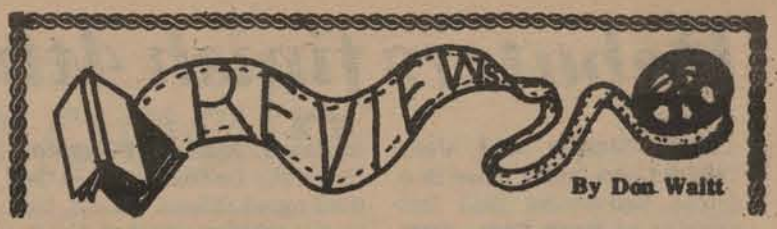
Sgt. Carl Birdwell and the Rev. Murphy L. Hunt will speak about "Police-Community Relations in Action" Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. in Bronson Hall, Room 108.

Sgt. Birdwell, a 16-year veteran of the Shreveport Police Department, has been with the Police-Community Relations Unit since January 1977. He was awarded the "Officer of the Year" certificate of commendation by the American Legion in 1977. Sgt. Birdwell also functions as a member of the Fire and Police Civil Service Board and off duty serves as vice president of the local chapter of Fraternal Order of Police.

Rev. Hunt is the director of the Moretown Area Police Communtiy Relations Storefront. A 1973 graduate of Bishop College, Hunt majored in philosophy and religion. In addition to directing the activities of the Moretown Storefront, Hunt serves as the pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Mansfield.

The discussion will focus on the role of a PCR Unit in action and will be of interest to students of criminal justice, sociology and psychology as it will concern functional realities.

All interested persons are invited to attend.



By Don Waitt

Starkweather's spree

Charlie Starkweather

Charlie Starkweather is not the person you would want to have had marry your sister.

Though a dead-ringer for his idol James Dean, Charlie was anything but sweet, murdering 10 people in an eight-day rampage through two states in January 1958.

ACCOMPANIED BY his fourteen-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate, Charlie, 19, killed Caril's parents and her sister then went on a spree that put two teenagers, a Lincoln, Neb. couple and their maid, and others on his death tally.

Nebraska was terrified. Citizens armed themselves, the National Guard was called out and activity ceased on Nebraska streets. Two teenagers had the state in a grip of fear.

Charlie was executed. Caril is up for parole this year.

Author William Allen has written a factual account of the Starkweather spree in his book, 'Starkweather'. By visiting the scenes of the killings, reviewing thousands of pages of newspapers and court testimony, and interviewing Starkweather associates and Fugate, Allen has drawn a complete picture of the case.

UNFORTUNATELY the book can be compared to a long newspaper story. Allen is too factual. The account of the trial is too short, the rumors that surrounded the case are not clarified and Allen doesn't delve deeper into the background and personality of Starkweather and Fugate.

Controversy surrounded Fugate's part in the slayings. Allen acknowledges the controversies but doesn't try to answer them.

Was Caril Fugate a willing accomplice or a reluctant hostage as she claimed?

WAS THE HIGH school girl savagely attacked and by whom?

What drove Charlie to commit the spur-of-the-moment killings?

Allen's book is a good skeleton, recounting the events as they happened each day with a minimum of explanation. But the meat of a 'Blood and Money' or 'In Cold Blood' is missing. A more fleshed-out book answering some of the controversies and the affect of the case on these involved would have warranted more the bringing up of the Starkweather rampage.

Bodyguards tell what happened

by Victor Pizzolato
Special to the Almagest

Elvis Presley

Remember that clean down-home, religious and teetotaler image the late Elvis Presley always enjoyed? Well, it has been somewhat tarnished now in the controversial book, "Elvis: What Happened?," written by three former members of the famed "Memphis Mafia," Dave Hebler, Red West and Sonny West, in collaboration with Steve Dunleavy.

In the wake of the rockabilly king's sudden death last month, the book has been widely publicized as something akin to an expose on Elvis-the-junkie's "habit." This has been exaggerated, but the book does blow the whistle on Presley's alleged abuse of "uppers," "downers," Demoral and cocaine.

IN ADDITION to the drugs, Hebler and the West cousins recount Presley's passion for guns (and gunplay); his plea for Red to have Elvis' estranged wife's boyfriend, Mike Stone, "hit," gangland-style; and a morbid fascination of corpses and funeral homes. They also told of buying sprees which included the purchase of five airliners in 1975—cold cash—one of them a huge, Convair 880, christened "Lisa Marie" after his daughter, would put Hugh Hefner's DC-9 to shame; and Elvis' obsession with food, mostly junk and mostly fattening.

For all the bad, however, there were some affectionate moments, too.

Red, for instance, fondly reminisces the days he and a shy Presley shared at Humes High in Memphis and the times early in Elvis' "comeback" days, his opening in Las Vegas in 1969 and the satellite-telecast from Hawaii in 1973, particularly, when a trim Elvis was performing to his fullest without the aid of any medication whatsover.

THOUGH DUNLEAVY frequently writes for the National Enquirer-esque Star (where the book is being excerpted), "Elvis: What Happened?" is remarkably unsensationalized.

Also, it is not a cold-blooded, malicious attack on Presley. Before anything else, the book will probably evoke empathy from the reader, Presley fan or not, who will see what the former bodyguards describe as a man driven, lonely, paranoid and maybe even slightly deranged as a result of living such a sheltered, institution-like existence for so many years.

Dr. Provizer spends month visiting W. African countries

by Caiaphas Willis

Aided by a grant from the LSU Foundation, Dr. Norman Provizer, assistant professor of political science, spent this past August off the Ivory Coast, visiting three countries of West Africa: upper Vveta, Niger and Nigeria.

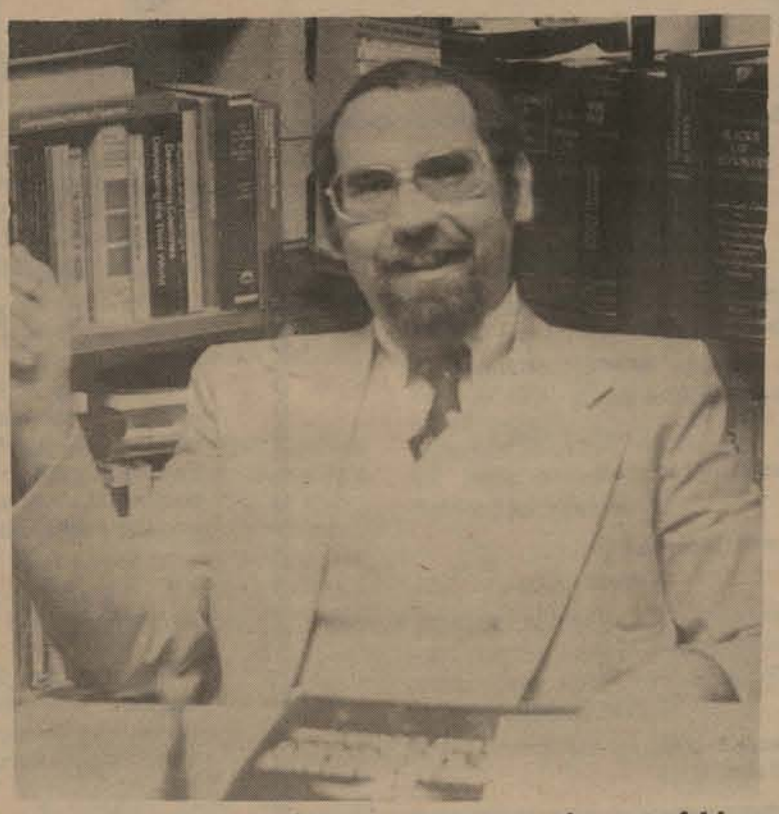
Provizer, who enjoys studying African cultures and lifestyles, did some of his Ph.D. work in Uganda, his second trip to Africa.

Accompanied by his wife, Provizer traveled by modern transportation from the city of Afidhan, commonly called the "Paris of Africa," into upper Vvelta, "one of the prettiest countries in the world where the life expectancy is only 37 years."

PROVIZER went to Niger, and out to Niamly, then to the Northern Nigerian city of Kano. He traveled through the Northern part of Nigeria, an area which is still dominated by the traditional Islamic culture, then to Lagos, the capital of Nigeria. Provizer said, "The traffic in Lagos is unbelievable and it would take a taxi 1½ hours to 2½ hours to go from one part of the city to the other. Lagos is one of the world's top sixty oil producers,"

While in West Africa, Provizer and his wife resided in hotels, some of which "can cost up to $70 or $80 per night—if you can get them."

Provizer said, "There are many private clubs and private dances in the West African cities that are similar to our clubs and dances here in the United States, only they were set up differently, and much of their music is American."



Dr. Norman Provizer recounts experiences of his month-long visit to three West African countries. (Photo: Denise Allen)

PROVIZER SAID, "I also noticed some affluence and extensive poverty among certain areas of West Africa. As for their clothing, the men wore a mixture of Western clothing and the women wore the traditional dress except in strong Islamic areas. The people were mostly friendly."

"Those who feel that Africa consists of nothing except mud houses and deserts really do not know much of Africa," said Provizer. "Africa is a land of contrasts and contradictions. It is a land of impressive, modern cities like Abidjan—cities that make Shreveport look like a hick town, a land of traditional, simple villages."

Provizer sees Africa as a "beautiful land, much of it untouched. Africa is a land of jet planes and camels." Provizer said, "This image came to me most strongly after seeing camel caravans crossing the modern, American-built John F. Kennedy Bridge, which crosses the Niger River in Niamly."

GREEK BEAT

TAMMY LOVEWELL

DELTA SIGMA PHI

Delta Sigma Phi fraternity will meet at the Sports Page Club this evening, after the school movie for an informal dance.

Tomorrow afternoon at 5:30, formal pledging activities will take place. After the pledging ceremony, the Tri Delta pledges will have a party for the new pledges of Delta Sigma Phi.

KAPPA ALPHA

Delta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha is planning a spaghetti dinner with the LSUS chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha. The campout the chapter held was a success.

The pledge class is planning to sell cords of wood for a money-making project. Anyone interested should contact Chris Smith or David Day.

ALPHA PHI

Maria Dalton was formally pledged into the Epsilon Tau chapter of Alpha Phi on Saturday, Sept. 25. The pledging was followed by an ice-cream party. Pledge class officers ,elected at Monday's meeting, are: Cindy McInnis, president; Carol Todd, vice president; Cathie Ward, secretary; and Karen Taylor, treasurer.

The Alpha Phi football team, Phis and Friends, won last week's game with a score of 48-0.

Crabs make best pets

by John R. Riddle

If you're looking for the perfect pet, you may be in luck. You can now buy an inexpensive pet that doesn't bite, doesn't need medicine, shots or a flea collar, doesn't wake you up at night barking or whining and doesn't chew up your shoes or furniture.

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The little crustaceans eat such things as peanut butter and jelly, dog food, cereal, lettuce and fruit. When eating, a hermit crab delicately pinches off a bit at a time with his smaller claw and pulls it to his mouth.

"The Crabs" are being marketed by the Great American Crab Co., Inc., of Orlando, Fla., which estimates it will sell at least 750,000 this year. They are available near the campus at the Velvet Turtle in Eastgate for $3, $4, and $5, and at Skaggs Albertson's for $2.99. The Velvet Turtle has already sold two shipments of them this year.

Two of the pets were sold to Dr. Richard M. Flicker, assistant professor of psychology, who keeps them in his office during the week and at home on weekends. Dr. Flicker has taken a lot of kidding about his "having crabs."

Dr. Flicker named one of his crabs "Herman Hermit" for the English singing group with a similar name popular during the 60s. He named his other one "Buster Crabbe" for the world champion swimmer and television movie star.

Herman and Buster are not just pets, however. Dr. Flicker is going to put them in a maze and observe them. "It's two feet by three feet and six inches high. I am going to put it together as soon as I can find some corner brackets," he says.

A psychologist observing white mice in a maze is not an unusual sight, but crabs? "I might conduct experiments with them, since I have two of them," Dr. Flicker says. "I may start one at the end of the maze away from the food and see how long it will take him to find the food. I may put the other one where the food is but move him farther from it each day. After they both know where the food is, I'll probably race them."

Why not? In Texas they race armadillos.

Dr. Lawson—LSUS's English con man

by Jodie Cook
Special to the Almagest

A typical con man takes his game seriously. He resorts to humor only as defense against suspicion. As a rule, he spends his waking hours thinking up new ways to fleece innocent victims or actually doing so. Exceptions are rare, but one has been spotted on this very campus.

David E. Lawson, assistant professor of English, is a comical con man. His smooth approach is not only humorous, it is believably logical. Long before unsuspecting students were aware of his game, he has conned them into buying what he is selling.

"I GET TO sell something I really believe in," Lawson says, "reading for general pleasure." And his belief is contagious. It spreads through the classroom affecting students wihh preconceived ideas about dull reading assignments and dry lectures. Thus, his game works.

Lawson spices his lectures with humor and imagination. After explaining literary terms and devices, he often follows through with clever illustrations.

Denouement is "tying up loose ends, unraveling the plot," Lawson says. Then, he relates the term to a popular TV show. He describes it as the way "Kojak figures out who is the bad guy, then explains about minor plots and characters after the last commercial."

IRONY IS A device often used by authors to express the opposite of what is said. Lawson tells his students that an author may "have a character talk about goodness, but his actions are bad." His example of a possible real-life ironic situation is that of a "man who gave up smoking for health reasons, then get run over by a cigarette truck."

Lawson makes fiction come alive for his students. He shows them how thinking about names of characters may suggest their major traits. And titles often reveal the main idea an author is trying to express.

He finds significance in the meaning of Dr. Wonmug's name, a scientist in the once popular comic strip "Alley Oops." He says, " 'won' (one) in Germain is 'ein' and 'mug' is 'stein.' Put the two together and they spell "Einstein," he points out.

Lawson's knowledge as well as his humor helps students to give their undivided attention during his lectures. A student may yawn in his classroom, but it will be from lack of sleep the night before. This comical con man is so interesting that the bell rings before a student has even thought about checking his watch.

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Campus Briefs

BSU

Wayne Copelin will speak at the BSU Lunch Encounter meeting Wed., Oct. 5. The meeting will be at noon at the Broadmoor Assembly of God Church across from campus.

Wayne Copelin is a young evangelist and has worked with the problems of teenage alcoholism and drug addiction.

French Club

The LSUS French Club, designed to promote French culture and language, now meets each Wednesday at noon, outside of the east end of Bronson Hall.

The French Cultural Services provides films for some of the meetings, and members of the club speak French during meetings to encourage use of the language. Any interested students are asked to attend.

Ozark Folklore Society

Dr. John W. Hall, associate professor of history and Social Science Department chairman, will attend the first meeting of the Ozark Folklore Society in Mountain View, Ark., Oct. 1-2. The purpose of the meeting is to gain insight into the collection of folklore and to make contacts with people who are operating folklife centers.

Speech Association

Dr. Anne Torrans, associate professor of communications, and Alice Morgan, assistant professor of communications, will attend the fall convention of the La. Speech and Hearing Association, Oct. 2-4, in Lafayette.

Calendar

Friday, Sept. 30

2 and 8 p.m. — "St. Ives" SLA. Rated PG.
Noon — Battle of the Organizations

Saturday, Oct. 1

Men's doubles begin

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Men's flag football

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Powderpuff football

Thursday, Oct. 6

Final drop date without receiving a W grade
Tennis singles begin
Men's flag football

Friday, Oct. 7

2 and 8 p.m. — "Magnum Force." SLA. Rated R.

Tutoring

Alpha Sigma Omicron (LSUS honor society) is sponsoring free tutoring in most areas. Times which various subjects are scheduled can be found on campus bulletin boards.

Ed Micinski is the society's newly elected 3rd vice president.

Population projecting

Dr. Kenneth Hinze, assistant professor of sociology, will participate in a conference on local area population projecting, to be held Oct. 2-4 in Washington, D.C. The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and the American Statistical Assocation.

SAB apology

The Student Activities Board (SAB) extends an apology to parents who brought their children to see the scheduled showings of "Camelot," on Family Day. The film was ruined in transport, and because of short notice, "Freebie and the Bean" was the only available substitute.

How to Survive

Loretta Lampkin, assistant professor of English, will participate in the Architectural Secretaries' Association Workshop on Oct. 1 entitled "How to Survive from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Delta Sig dinner

Delta Sigma Phi fraternity recently held its first chapter-alumni dinner, which featured National President Lee Dueringer, who spoke on "How National Spends your Money."

Mike Norman was presented the scholarship plaque by Dueringer, and Joe Crews was awarded a President plaque by the Alumni Control Board. Spring initiates, Don Graham, Lance Graham, and Bruce Crank, were presented their active pins and cards. The chapter itself was given the Rush Mug award, for the most members initiated by a Louisiana chapter.

Alumni present with their wives were Robert Pitts, John Lanius, Col. Hackney, and Norman. Mark Elfervig was also present.

La. writer's contests offer cash awards

Several literary contests open to college writers are scheduled for the near future. These contests, sponsored on both national and state levels, will accept many different genres of literature.

Two other contests for collegiate writers are being sponsored by International Publications.

A creative writing contest, whose deadline is Nov. 5. will include entries in the forms of short stories, humorous essays, and other pieces between 250 and 1000 words. The deadline for the National College Poetry Contest is Oct. 25. This event is open to any college or university student desiring to have his or her poetry authologized. Foreign language poems are welcome.

Prizes for both contests, according to International Publications, include $100 for first place, $50 for second, and $25 for third. In addition, the poetry contest is offering two $10 prizes and free printing of all accepted manuscripts in "American Collegiate Poets." A free copy of "College Contemporaries" magazine will be given to all entrants in the creative writing event.

Official rules and entry forms can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: International Publications, 4747 Fountain Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029. No information will be given over the phone.

Students interested in entering the Louisiana College Writer's Society Annual Writing Contest should contact Dr. Justin Kidd, assistant professor of English, for regulations about length, manuscript form, number of entries and contest division.

All entries should be submitted to Dr. Kidd before Jan. 31, 1978. All LSUS students are eligible to enter.

Professional writers will select and critique the winners in separated graduate and undergraduate categories, and monetary prizes will be awarded.

The contest divisions are: undergraduate short story, poetry, one-act plays, news feature, personal essay, formal essay (research paper) and Louisiana peom (verse concerned particularly with Louisiana); and graduate short story, poetry and one-act play.

The statewide contest limits the number of entries each college may submit and entries are only accepted from campus representatives, so LSUS faculty members will select those to be submitted for final judging.

The Writers' Society Annual Conference will be April 7-8, 1978, at the University of Southwest Louisiana in Lafayette, where the Awards Banquet and presentation of prizes will be held.

Also at the conference will be workshops with Stephen Spender and Edward Dorn, drama seminars and presentation of the book of winning entries, "Prize -Winning Manuscripts 1978."

The conference is rotated among Louisiana colleges each year and LSUS was the host for the 1976 conference.

Fall brings fashion

Suits with ties are being replaced this year with the more casual look of denims and plaids. (Photo: Debby Osolneek)

by Debby Osolneek

Fall is here, and with the start of colder weather comes the end of halters, shorts and sandals. If you're packing away your bikini and wondering what to trade your cut-offs for, start window shopping at any clothes store or browse through almost any magazine and you will get a glimpse of the new fall fashions.

THE OLD SAYING "anything goes" is not entirely true of this years fall fashions. Faded jeans, stripes and maxie skirts are out, and vested blue jean suits (for men and women) hooded sweaters and straight skirts are in.

The emphasis, both for men and women seems to lie mainly on comfort along with good looks.

For the man, suits with ties appear to be becoming part of the past. Todays man dresses in a suit with a sweater vest, or pleated pants with a dress shirt.

"The rugged outdoorsman" is the theme for this years casual man. Plenty of corduroys, plaid flannel shirts and hiking boots will decorate many a stores display.

Cowl neck sweathers, hooded sweaters, and skirts with open slits will dominate the womens fall fashion. Blazers, shawls, silver and gold skinny belts will accents almost any outfit. Again the emphasis seems to be on comfort and good looks.

THE CASUAL woman will wear vested jean suits, three-piece pants suits or pleated pants. Boots will also be on the scene.

Fall is here, and winter is just a gust of wind away. Start your new fall wardrobe now, and don't get caught in the cold with your cut-offs.

Three-piece women's suits are the latest in fall fashions. (Photo: Debby Osolneek)

Magazine selects Lampkin author

Loretta Lampkin, assistant professor in English at LSUS has been selected to write teacher procedural materials for a magazine with worldwide circulation.

The articles, concering Christianity, will appear in Youth in Action—a part of the Southern Baptist Life and Work Series—during the July-September quarter of 1979-80.

MRS. LAMPKIN'S articles will cover 13 session, with eight of them being devoted to a study of judges and kings of Israel and the other five covering a study of Amos.

In preparation for the appointment, Mrs. Lamkin will attend a special writer's workshop to be held Oct. 17-20 in Nashville, Tenn.

A native of Shreveport, Mrs. Lampkin graduated from Fair Park High School and earned her bachelor's degree in English at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., in 1958 and took her master's degree in English at Northwestern State University, Nachitoches.

BEFORE JOINING the LSUS faculty in 1970, Mrs. Lampkin taught at Oak Terrace Junior High School, and at Captain Shreve High School.

She is a member of the National Council and Communication, the Conference on Christianity and Literature, and Sigma Tau Delta, an English sorority.

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SPORTS

Juniors wrap up Misfits

by Kent Lowe

The Medical Center Juniors showed that they plan to be a big factor in the Tuesday Flag Football League as they beat the Misfits 12-6 in a thriller Sept. 20.

In the other Tuesday games, the Pack lost to the LSUMC Sophomores 7-6, while the LSUMC Faculty handed LSUMC Freshman No. 1 their second loss, winning 18-10.

THE MISFITS tried to grab the early lead as quarterback Steve Smith completed four straight passes and ran for a crucial first down inside the penetration zone. The Juniors were able to stop the drive with an interception in the end zone. Four plays later Rick Leonard intercepted a pass to put Misfits in scoring position again. Once again, after getting another penetration, the team could not push it over and turned the ball back to the Juniors.

The Misfits went into a zone defense and the Juniors went to work. Quarterback Dennis O'Banion found Rich Balenziano on a 50-yard touchdown pass after Balenziano had beaten the zone on a deep sideline pattern. The extra point was no good and Juniors had an early 6-0 lead.

Smith tried to bring the Misfits back, but on the very first play the Juniors came up with an interception. O'Banion wasted no time as he found Louis Sessions on the first play for a TD. The play was almost an instant replay of the first touchdown as Sessions also beat the defense on the same side of the field on a post pattern.

THE MISFITS took to the ground in the second half and Smith scored on a 45-yard gallop on the first possession of the second half to close the gap to 12-6. The Juniors tried to get another score but David Niblett made a clutch interception to give the Misfits another chance to tie the game.

Because of lack of time, the Misfits had to go for the quick score. The Juniors pressed Smith forcing him to scramble and throw many passes on the run. The Misfits could not come and the Juniors won their second game.

After two weeks, the Juniors and Sophomores from the Med Center lead at 2-0, Delta Sig is 1-0.

ON THURSDAY Sept. 22, all three winners showed plenty of offense. NAFT rolled over KA 38-0. Revenge wrapped up the Rednecks 20-0, while Welch's Independents set what might be a school record as they bombed the Independents 60-0.

INTRAMURAL ITEMS—The doubles Tennis Tournament will take place tomorrow and Sunday on the LSUS courts. Entries for the men's and women's singles tournament close Oct. 6 with play scheduled for Oct. 8 and 9.

All flag football games will be played at the scheduled time unless it is raining hard or lightning at game time.

No change was present in the top three in the IM Tennis Ladder.

This year a guard will be placed at the door of Fort Humbug Gym and all people entering the gym must have on tennis shoes or they will not be allowed in the building.

Volleyball will be played every Thursday night at Fort Humbug.

"Battle" times listed

Schedule of events for the battle of organizations

Pie eating	12:05
Golf chip, frisbee throw, football throw	12:20
Egg catching contest	12:35
Tricycle race	1:00
Two-legged relay	1:30
Relay race	1:45
Tug-o-war	2:00

Dutchman tries again

by Lee Holland

The Dutchman started the NFL season with a bang last week selecting 13 of 14 winners for a .930 percentage. The lone loss came at the hands of New Orleans who lost 23-19 to Detroit. Here are this week's selections:

New England by 14 over NY Jets, Atlanta 3 over NY Giants, Pittsburgh 6 over Cleveland, Minnesota 10 over Green Bay, Chicago 13 over New Orleans, Detroit 4 over Philadelphia, Baltimore 17 over Buffalo, Dallas 24 over Tampa Bay, Cincinnati 4 over San Diego, Denver 8 over Seattle, Miami 1 over Houston, St. Louis 3 over Washington, LA 6 over San Fransisco.

Monday

Oakland 20 over KC.

McLaurin, Huddleston win

Johnnel Huddleston and Dr. Ann McLaurin won the LSUS Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament last weekend.

Huddleston and McLaurin defeated James Filipowski and Vickie Harrsion 6-4, 6-3 Sunday in the finals played at the Greater Shreveport Racket Club.

Huddleston and McLaurin, the No. 1 seeds, had an easy time in reaching the finals losing only six games. In the semi-finals, they defeated Waldo Curtis and Katie Desoto 6-4, 6-1.

In the other bracket, Filipowski and Harrison had a much toughter time reaching the finals, In the semis, the two faced the second seeds Joe and Gloria Patrick. Filipowski and Harrison stopped the Patricks in two tough sets 6-3, 7-6 to advance to the finals.

In the final, Huddleston and McLaurin, had some trouble with their opponents. They won the first set on the basis of a service break. In the second set,

Filipowski and Harrison took a 3-1 lead and chances seemed good for a split set match. Huddleston and McLaurin then ran off five straight games to win the set, the match, and the LSUS Mixed Doubles title.

Johnnel Huddleston and Dr. Ann McLaurin are shown in action in the LSUS Mixed Doubles Tourney. The pair defeated James Filipowski and Vickie Harrison 6-4, 6-3 to win the title. (Photo: Denise Allen)

Phi and friends roll along

by Kent Lowe

Alpha Phi and Friends continued to show why they have not lost a game at LSUS in approximately three years as they routed Independents 48-0 in Powderpuff football Sept. 21

Alpha Phi scored before the game was two minutes old as Wanda Welch intercepted a pass to put Phi in scoring position. On first down, Denise Allen took the handoff from QB Valette Weaver and raced 27 yards for the score.

ALPHA PHI got a safety to go up 8-0. Welch intercepted another pass to set up a Weaver-to-Allen pass to lead 16-0. Karen Franklin and Karen Orr also caught TD passes to run the margin to 30-0. And if that wasn't enough, Allen came up with a 60 yard touchdown run as the half ran out to give Phi and Friends a whopping 36-0 lead.

During the half-time break Alpha Phi Coach Pat Dowling was quite surprised with the big lead. "I knew we were good, but I didn't know we were that good. We really got it together this week."

IN THE SECOND half the action slowed considerably as Dowling substituted frequently. Late in the going the Independents started a drive to the Phi goal. Nancy Zesch ran for a first down and a penetration late in the game. But on the very next play Welch took interception No. 3 64 yards for the TD.

Phi and Friends had not finished yet. With ten seconds left Weaver and Allen connected one more time for the TD to make the final score 48-0.

In the other game, ZTA shutout Tri-Delta 14-0. Games are played every Wednesday afternoon at 5:15.

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